Rs. 1.00 crore for Savings linked Housing Scheme has been made in this Ministry's budget for these two schemes.

(c) Project proposal for setting up of a new Sattellite township near Shillong was received from Govt, of Meghalaya and the project has been recommended by this Ministry to Deptt. of Economic Affairs for seeking financial assistance from OECF (Japan) during the year 1998-99.

Limited departmental competitive Examination in CPWD

285. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50% of vacancies of Assistant Engineers in C.P.W.D. are filled up through "Limited Departmental Competitive Examination" (L.D.C.E.) from among the Junior Engineers, having minimum four years service;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies at present in the post of Assistant Engineer, both Civil and Electrical, from exam quota;

(c) what are the reasons for not conducting LJB.C.E. after 1992, though a large number of vacancies are existing there; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to fill up all the above said vacancies, by conducting a L.D.C.E. this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The number of vacancies falling to the Quota for Limited Departmental Competitive Examination are 364 of Assistant Engineer (Civil) and 62 of Assistant Engineer (Elect.). A requisition has been sent to the UPSC on 15.7.97 for holding the examination for filling up all these vacancies. The examination has not been con- ducted by the UPSC since 1992 as the Commission had advised amendment of recruitment rules of the post of Assistant Engineer before holding the next cxami-nation. The amendments to recruitment rules have since been finalised and notified on 21.6.97.

Vacancies of Engineers in C.P.W.D..

286. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: V/ill the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present actual strength of regular and adhoc Assistant Engineers, Executive Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Chief Engineers and A.D.Gs. both Civil and Electrical in C.P.W.D.;

(b) the details of the vacancies in each of the above said posts, in Civil and Electrical, separately;

(c) by when C.P.W.D. authorities would fill up all those vacancies and regularise all the adhoc Executive En-gineers$_4$ giving details of the scheme, if any; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to stop adhoc promotions against a long term vacancies in the C.P.W.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The informaltion is given in the statement enclosed (see *below).*

(c) The cases for regular promotion, including regularisation of adhoc promotions are at different stages of processing. No time frame for completion of the process of regularisation can be indicated as it involves other organisations/agcncics like UPSC and A.C.C. in case of posts falling within the purview of the A.C.C. The regularisation of adhoc promotions in the grade of Executive Engineers is proposed to be done by diversion of backlog of unfilled vacancies in the quota of Assistant Executive Engineers, in favour of Assistant Engineers.

(d) At present, adhoc promotions are existing in the grade of Executive Engineers only. The revised Recruitment Rules for the Central Engineering Service & Central Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Service (Group A), which include the grade of Executive Engineer, were notified on 29.10.96. A proposal for regularisation of adhoc promotions made prior to 29.10.96 in accordance with the Rules as they stood prior to amendment, has already been forwarded to the UPSC. Filling up of vacancies arising from 29.10.96 onwards regularly in accordance with the revised Recruitment Rules will be possible only after the process of regularisation of pre-29.10.96 vacancies is first completed. Once this process is completed, the need for making adhoc promotions may not arise in future.

Statement

PoSt	Present strength		No. of vacancies
	(regular)	(adhoc)	
ADG	0	0	7
CE(C)	43	0	1
CE(E)	7	0	1
SE(C)	157	0	0
SE(E)	48	0	0
EE(C)	97	339	132
EE(E)	47	96	38
AE(C)	1516	0	252
AE(E)	637	0	45

Special funds for Slums

287. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made a special provision of funds during the current year for formulating special plan of action for amelioration of conditions in slum areas;

(b) if so, the details of the new schemes formulated, revised guidelines' strategies worked out, to improve inhu man conditions in slum areas in the country;

(c) the. details of the review of schemes implemented so far in various States and results achieved particularly in Maharashtra and new projects proposed for developmenHipgradation of slums in the State, with details; and

(d) the details of projects approved and regulatory/monitoring arrangements made to ensure effective implementation of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) was launched recently in August, 1996 to provide additional Central Assistance to StatesUTs for slum development. Details of State-wise allocation of funds under NSDP during 1996-97 and 1997-98 are given in Statement-I (see *below).*

(c) and (d) The Planning Commission I has formulated and issued guidelines to I Statcs-UTs for implementation and monitoring of the NSDP. Details arc given in Statement-II (see *below).* At the Centre level, the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment has built up a Monitoring Mechanism for effective implementation of the NSDP. A MIS (Management Information System) for quarterly review of the programme has been devised and circulated to the States-UTs.